



DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
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SPECIAL MEETING STUDY SESSION OF THE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
December 18, 2018

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Zendle, MD Vice-President/Secretary Carole Rogers, RN Treasurer Mark Matthews Director Jennifer Wortham, DrPH Director Evett PerezGil	Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, CFO Lisa Houston, COO Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director Will Dean, Communications and Marketing Director Meghan Kane, Community Health Analyst Vanessa Smith, Health Educator Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order	President Zendle called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.	
Roll Call	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors present.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President Zendle asked Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.	
C. Administer Oath of Office – New Directors	Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, administered the oath of office to Carole Rogers, RN, and Evett PerezGil – newly elected board members for the four-year term ending in 2022.	
D. Approval of Agenda	President Zendle asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Director Matthews motioned to change the agenda to commence with Item J followed by the closed session.	#19-31 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and seconded by Vice-President Rogers to approve the agenda change commencing with Item J followed by closed session. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 President Zendle, Vice-President Rogers, Director



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E. Public Comment	There was no public comment.	
F. Adjournment to Closed Session		
G. Convene to Closed Session of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors	<p>PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION Public Employee Appointment pursuant to Government Code 54957 Title: Chief Executive Officer</p>	
H. Reconvene to Open Session of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors		
I. Report After Closed Session	The Board in closed session directed legal counsel to take appropriate action concerning the matters discussed in closed session.	
<p>J. Study Session – Homelessness Initiative</p> <p>1. Coachella Valley Collaborative to End Homelessness Update</p>	<p>Lisa Houston, COO, provided an overview and presentation of the Coachella Valley Collaborative to End Homelessness collective detailing the Homeless Emergency Aid Program (HEAP) potential funding and outlined the next steps with consultant Barbara Poppe including the collective impact.</p> <p>As an appointed member of Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homelessness Committee, Vice-President Rogers does not agree that consultant Barbara Poppe’s contract should be extended. Diversion is satisfactory for a small amount, but some people experiencing homelessness require</p>	



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	<p>substance abuse and social services assistance. Vice-President Rogers read a portion of the public comment (attached) from Palm Springs Councilmember Christy Holstege and Sabby Jonathan, Mayor Palm Desert, and Chair, Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homelessness Committee. Further, Vice-President Rogers explained that the strategic action plan should reflect the community and the needs of the community. CVAG, Palm Desert, and Palm Springs all agree that shelters should be available in the west. It is not appropriate to apply for HEAP funding and compete with other agencies; thus, the board should move forward with the three positions outlined in the Coachella Valley Collaborative to End Homelessness.</p> <p>Director Matthews explained his agreement with Vice-President Rogers and the necessity to ensure all board members agree; however, it is important to address the core problems and he suggests tabling the matter to a future board meeting.</p> <p>Director Wortham agrees Vice-President Rogers and explained her role as the CVAG representative on the homelessness committee detailing that her comments resonate, and she agrees with her recommendations.</p> <p>President Zendle explained that if the board extends the contract,</p>	
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<p>Public Comments</p>	<p>Barbara Poppe will clarify the next steps and enlist the support of the cities and other agencies in the valley that could be supported by the collective.</p> <p>Tom Cox, Program Director, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM), explained that he and Darla Burkett, Executive Director, are thankful for the District's work and involvement. CVRM manages shelter, they have expanded a low barrier Housing First and Rapid Rehousing approach and CVRM is trying to implement the impediments in a different manner. Mr. Cox explained that CVRM is a homeless access shelter with supportive services, not only meals, and requests more involvement in the District's shelter components.</p> <p>Christian Jelmsberg, President/Founder, Street Life Outreach, detailed the agencies services as well as connecting the homeless to social services with shelter as the biggest deficiency. Mr. Jelmsberg explained the agencies role with investments in infrastructure such as tiny home villages, and his agency has established a plan, but a collective is necessary with the appropriate collaborators.</p> <p>Scott Wolf, Development Director, Coachella Valley Rescue Mission (CVRM), explained that it is necessary to address the causes of homelessness such as the social services before moving forward with a Housing First approach.</p>	
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<p>2. Barbara Poppe and Associates Service Agreement</p> <p>3. Homelessness Initiative Collective Fund – City Matches - \$700,000</p>	<p>President Zendle supports the recommendations that create the infrastructure through a consultant and then allow the collective to determine the best method of housing.</p> <p>Director Wortham explained that the District’s focus is on health and mental health and she would like to accelerate the staff components.</p> <p>Vice-President Rogers motioned to direct staff to present a budget at the January meeting for the Foundation to hire three collective staff members to facilitate the formation of a collective impact council and to not extend the Barbara Poppe and Associates Service Agreement</p> <p>Staff was directed not to extend Barbara Poppe and Associates Service Agreement.</p> <p>Lisa Houston, COO, detailed the Homelessness Collective fund and consideration of each of the nine Coachella Valley cities to match up to \$100,000.</p>	<p>#19-32 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Rogers and seconded by Director Wortham to direct staff to present a budget at the January 2019 meeting for the Foundation to hire three collective staff members to facilitate the formation of a collective impact council and to not extend the Barbara Poppe and Associates Service Agreement. Motion passed 3-2. AYES – 3 Vice-President Rogers, Director Wortham, and Director PerezGil NOES – President Zendle, Director Matthews ABSENT – 0 ABSTAIN – 0</p> <p>#19-34 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice President Rogers and seconded by President Zendle to approve the \$700,000 in matching funds to each of the nine Coachella Valley cities. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 President Zendle, Vice-President Rogers, Director Matthews, Director Wortham and Director PerezGil NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0 ABSTAIN – 0</p>
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K. Adjournment	President Zendle adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agenda-Board-of-Directors
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ATTEST: 
Carole Rogers, Vice-President/Secretary
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board